

Czar Putin?

Choose the best answer for each of the following questions.

- 1. Which of these is NOT a current issue on which the United States needs Russian cooperation?**
 - a the civil war in Syria
 - b Iran's efforts to develop nuclear weapons
 - c fighting Islamic terrorism
 - d violent street protests in Estonia
- 2. Before the Russian Revolution, Russia was ruled by**
 - a powerful czars.
 - b Communist dictators.
 - c a democratically elected president.
 - d none of the above
- 3. Vladimir Putin first became president of Russia eight years after**
 - a the Russian Revolution took place.
 - b the Soviet Union collapsed.
 - c the Cold War began.
 - d he resigned as prime minister.
- 4. Last March, Russia made headlines worldwide when it annexed**
 - a Estonia.
 - b Latvia.
 - c Crimea.
 - d Lithuania.
- 5. The U.S. and Europe have dealt with Russia's aggression by**
 - a calling on the United Nations to mediate.
 - b imposing sanctions.
 - c declaring war.
 - d helping to consolidate power in Russia's government.
- 6. What is causing Russia's economy to sag, according to the article?**
 - a low oil prices
 - b high oil prices
 - c government spending on nuclear weapons
 - d none of the above

IN-DEPTH QUESTIONS

- 7. From the article, infer how Putin has managed to stay in control of Russia for so long.**

- 8. If you were President Obama, how would you deal with the tensions between the U.S. and Russia? Why?**
